

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re appl. of: Rakoczy et al.) Appl. Ref. No.: GRI-010
Serial No.: 09/065,082) Art Unit: 1635
Filing Date: July 16, 1998) Examiner: S. McGarry

Title: **HYALURONIC ACID AS DNA CARRIER FOR GENE THERAPY AND VEGF
ANTISENSE DNA TO TREAT ABNORMAL RETINAL VASCULARIZATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir/Madam:

Responsive to the Communication of January 13, 2000, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 2-58 without prejudice.

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

Please substitute the enclosed Sequence Listing section for the previously filed.

REMARKS**THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 had been deleted by Preliminary Amendment, and claims 2-58 have been deleted hereby. Accordingly, claims 59-109 remain pending in this case. Consideration and allowance of these claims is requested.

THE SEQUENCE LISTING

Applicants are enclosing with this response a substitute Sequence Listing section in paper and computer readable form, as well as a Declaration attesting to the best of applicant's counsel's knowledge of the correspondence of the originally filed and the sequences included herewith.

THE AMENDMENTS

The amendments to the claims and the Sequence Listing section added herewith, are fully supported by the specification as filed, by the original claims, the text of the examples, and the